

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising: variable display means for variably displaying designs in a plurality of rows; and front display means disposed in front of the variable display means, wherein the front display means includes a transparent liquid crystal display panel for displaying images other than said designs through which said variable display means is able to be seen, and a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the entire of said liquid crystal display panel; and in the light guiding plate, transparent areas for ensuring the visibility of the variable display of said variable display means are individually formed corresponding to said plurality of rows.

2. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said variable display means is comprised of one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which said designs are drawn.

3. (Original) The ~~reel-based~~ gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.

4. (New) A gaming machine comprising: variable display device for variably displaying designs in a plurality of rows; and front display device disposed in front of the variable display device, wherein the front display device includes a transparent liquid crystal display panel for displaying images other than said designs through which said variable display device is able to be seen; and at least one light source for emitting light to said transparent liquid crystal display panel; and a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from said light source to the entire of said liquid crystal display panel; and in the light guiding plate, one or more transparent areas for ensuring the visibility of the variable display of said variable display device are formed

5. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said variable display device is comprised of one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which said designs are drawn.

6. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.

7. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said variable display device is comprised of one or more reels which said designs are drawn; and said one or more transparent areas are formed corresponding to said each reel.

8. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said one or more transparent areas are formed by openings.

9. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 4, further comprising:
a transparent antistatic sheet disposed on the rear side of said light guiding plate.